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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Richard J. BUCALA, et al.

ART UNIT: 1644

SERIAL NO.: 09/557,823

EXAMINER: Patrick J. Nolan

FILING DATE: April 25, 2000

FOR: INHIBITION OF MIGRATION INHIBITORY FACTOR IN THE  
TREATMENT OF DISEASES INVOLVING CYTOKINE-MEDIATED  
TOXICITY

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action in the above, dated  
June 24, 2002, for which the response is due September 24, 2002. Entry and consideration of the  
following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

66. (Twice Amended) A diagnostic method for determining the amount of MIF protein  
in a patient, comprising:

- (a) obtaining a bodily fluid sample from the patient; and
- (b) determining the amount of MIF in the sample using an immunoassay with an anti-MIF antibody, wherein the immunoassay is selected from the group consisting of ELISA, immunoprecipitation, immunohistochemistry, and Western analysis, and wherein MIF is a human MIF polypeptide having a molecular weight approximately 12.5 kDa, and wherein the

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